Kuzhithura Madichal Road.

59. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Kuzhithura Madichal road is closed :

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, when and why it was closed ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representations for immediate action ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (c) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken and why so much delay ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since 5/1943, as the auction purchaser, of the land once surrendered but not required for the road according to present alignment, has occupied it.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A recast estimate for cutting the road has been prepared and the acquisition of the fresh lands has been moved for. The delay has been occasioned by the faulty alignment of the road originally cut by the ryots.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know from the honourable member why new land acquisition proceedings were taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : Apparently when the road was taken up by Government, the rates were too high. They therefore wanted to substitute cheaper lands. The Government decided to sell away the lands in the old line and acquire land in the new line. The original lands have been sold away and the acquisition proceedings in regard to the new site are in progress.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know when the land acquisition proceedings were taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : I have no information.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I know when the road will be opened again?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : It will certainly be opened.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I know when?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : As soon as possible.

MR. V. SRIDHARAN PILLAI : May I have the approximate date?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : I cannot give that information because I have not the estimate with me now.

Opening of a road from 50/5 M. S. Road to Chanthayadi Road.

60 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open a road from 50/5 M. S. road to meet Chanthayadi road ;

(*b*) whether it is an easy access from M. S. road to more than a dozen villages ;

(*c*) whether the same is proposed to be opened at Government cost ; and.

(*d*) if not, why the same is proposed to be brought under ryots road rules ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) As the road is only of local importance benefiting only the local ryots.

Improvements to Alankulam in the Midalam pakuthi.

61. ❋**MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any improvements were made in the Alankulam ;

(*b*) whether silt was removed within 10 years ; and

(*c*) whether it requires immediate improvements ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This is being investigated.

Irrigation works in the Vilavancode Taluk.

62. ❋**MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the irrigation tanks in the Vilavancode taluk are maintained by Government ; and

(*b*) whether urgent repairs to sluices or other urgent works to the tanks in the Vilavancode taluk are done at Government cost or at the cost of the ryots concerned ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKITAKRISHNAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Works necessitated by long neglect by the ryots are done on half contribution by the ryots while in the matter of restoration of rain and flood damage works, recovery of half the cost from the ryots is generally waived by Government.

Perinjila Thodu in Vaikom.

63. ❋**MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:

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